

ANCIENT ASTRONAUT SOCIETY



Unique marking on the Plain of Nazca, Peru, South America

"Come Search With Us"

THE ANCIENT ASTRONAUT SOCIETY

BY GENE M. PHILLIPS, FOUNDER*

The Ancient Astronaut Society, incorporated in Illinois on September 14, 1973, is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization operated exclusively for scientific, literary and educational purposes. The objectives of the Society are to search for evidence to determine whether a highly-developed, technological civilization existed on Earth before our recorded history, and to determine whether our planet was visited by intelligent beings from outer space in the remote past.

The concept of an organization of lay persons to investigate such profound subjects as the origin of mankind on Earth and the possibility that there is intelligent life on planets other than our own, came to me while viewing a television special based upon Erich von Daniken's book, *Chariots of the Gods?* Von Daniken presented challenges to the scientific community which appeared to me to be based on logic, and his explanations offered much more satisfying answers to the questions of the origin of life and the foundation of religions than did the speculations of some scientists. It became obvious to me that a new organization was needed to investigate such matters from a completely different point of view and with an open mind, not controlled by scientists and not affiliated with any established doctrine or dogma. I wanted to afford the opportunity to interested people around the world to become actively involved in the quest for the truth about mankind's past.

Recognizing that our subject matter knew no political boundaries, we established the World Conference, a two to three day seminar, to provide a forum for authors, researchers and interested lay persons to present their evidence and opinions. The World Conference is held in different countries in order to maximize participation by our members. To date we have held eleven World Conferences in the United States, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Brazil, West Germany, New Zealand and Austria.

In addition to the World Conferences, we have held many one day meetings in the Chicago area and in Switzerland and West Germany. Also, we have sponsored lectures by noted authors in our field. All Society Conferences, meetings and events are open to the public.

In order to disseminate information in the ancient astronaut field to our members, we publish a logbook called *Ancient Skies*, in both an English and a German edition. The publication presents original articles in the field, often with new evidence not previously published anywhere. *Ancient Skies* is distributed to all members of the Society every two months.

Perhaps the most basic endeavor of the Ancient Astronaut Society is the member field expeditions. Not just for selected "experts", the member expeditions are designed to enable anyone interested in our subject to travel to remote areas and to examine firsthand the fantastic evidence in the context of its natural setting. Not only does this give a better appreciation of the evidence presented in books, but also and more importantly, it enables members to find completely new evidence, never before seen or considered. Not the usual tourist trip, the Society-sponsored member expeditions are specially arranged to take the members to archaeological sites and museums seldom visited by anyone, such as El Fuerte in central Bolivia, and Petra in southern Jordan.

We are pleased to state that almost every author in the ancient astronaut field is a member of the Ancient Astronaut Society, many of whom write original articles for *Ancient Skies* and present lectures at our World Conferences and meetings.

Since 1973, members of our Society have presented hundreds of lectures and slide presentations on our subject to schools, clubs, libraries, and other interested groups, and they have appeared on countless radio and television programs.

The evidence which has been accumulated to support our objectives is truly overwhelming. There is no doubt that technologically-advanced civilizations flourished on Earth in eons past. From the surviving remnants of their accomplishments, we can only imagine the stupendous heights of culture and technology which they achieved. The written accounts which have survived of these past great civilizations describe technological wonders which we, even with our level of achievement, have not duplicated to this day. Consequently, most of these accounts are labeled as *myth*.

But we must still seek to determine whether extraterrestrial intelligent beings influenced, directly or indirectly, the development of intelligence and technology on Earth. To date there is a very large amount of evidence of extraterrestrial intervention, but it is circumstantial or conjectural. However, logic dictates that intelligence in human beings could not have simply *erupted* overnight, in one giant evolutionary step forward.

If human intelligence on Earth *did* occur all of a sudden as we are taught, then surely it did not *evolve*, but was brought here, in one form or another. *Mankind* is, of course, the best evidence of the intervention of intelligent beings from outer space. Either we are their *product*, or we are their *descendants*.

We shall continue our search for the evidence which will *prove* that civilization, technology and intelligence *originated* in outer space.

COME SEARCH WITH US!

Gene M. Phillips

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WELCOME TO THE ANCIENT ASTRONAUT SOCIETY

BY ERICH VON DANIKEN*

One of the objectives of the Ancient Astronaut Society is to promote scientifically-based research without the constrictions to which traditional science is subject. Further, we strive to impart knowledge to the interested lay person as well as to the expert, which knowledge until now has not been found in the usual scientific literature. Our plans for the future include the establishment of a library/museum, the publication of an international Journal and the inauguration of a professorship - a chair for "Ancient Astronauts" - at an American university.

The ancient astronaut hypothesis can explain a number of unsolved phenomena of early times, such as:

- The beginnings of life on Earth
- The emergence of intelligence on Earth
- The difference between the ape species and intelligent human beings (Darwin's "missing link")
- The prime origins of religions
- The original core of global mythology
- The descriptions of God in the Old Testament as "fire, earthquake, noise and smoke", as in many ancient writings
- The list of the names of the "Fallen Sons of Heaven" in the Book of the Prophet Enoch
- The yearnings for God and the Devil, the age-old symbols of good and evil
- The depiction of the Judgments of God in prehistoric times
- Legendary early kings and ancestors
- The vanishing of religious and mythological apparitions into "Heaven"
- The origins of and motivations for the hitherto unexplainable edifices and constructions in prehistory and in protohistory
- The time-shift effects mentioned in old writings
- The frequently-described fear of the advent of the gods
- The earliest sacrificial offerings for the propitiation of the gods
- The origins of ancient religious symbols and cults (sun cult, star cult and technical "appliances" such as the Ark of the Covenant and Solomon's flying chariot)

- The origin of countless religious-motivated rock paintings and drawings throughout the world
- The origin of cult idols and figures of deities in early history
- The origins of the giant figures carved or drawn on the Earth's surface as if to be seen only from the air

One thing is certain: there is much that remains unexplained about the past of mankind on Earth which occurred tens of thousands of years ago. We members of the Ancient Astronaut Society will strive by both conventional and unconventional means to lift the veil of secrecy to the past.

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*Mr. von Daniken was born in Zofingen, Switzerland in 1935. He was educated at the College Saint-Michel in Fribourg, where even as a student he occupied his time with a study of the ancient holy writings. While managing director of a Swiss first class hotel, he wrote his first book, *Chariots of the Gods?*, which was an immediate bestseller. Since then he has written *Gods From Outer Space*, *The Gold of the Gods*, *In Search of Ancient Gods*, *Miracles of the Gods*, *Von Daniken's Proof*, *Signs of the Gods?*, *Pathways to the Gods*, and *The Gods and Their Grand Design*, all published in English. Mr. von Daniken has several books in German which have not been translated into English, including his three latest books, all of which have been bestsellers in West Germany.

Mr. von Daniken's books have been translated into 36 languages and have sold about 50 million copies throughout the world. From his books two full-length films have been produced, *Chariots of the Gods?* and *Messages of the Gods*.

Mr. von Daniken has lectured extensively throughout the world, having presented some 1500 lectures and slide presentations in 25 countries, over 250 of them in universities. An avid researcher and traveller, he averages 100,000 miles each year to remote spots on the Earth to enable him to examine firsthand the phenomena about which he writes.

Erich von Daniken won instant fame in the United States as a result of the television special "In Search of Ancient Astronauts", based upon his first book, which inspired the founding of the Ancient Astronaut Society. He has been a staunch supporter of the Society and has participated in all its World Conferences. He operates the Society's office in Switzerland and oversees the publication of the German Edition of *Ancient Skies*, which is distributed to the German-speaking members of the Society. He also arranges and leads member expeditions for the German-speaking members.

Mr. von Daniken was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the University of Bolivia and received the Huesped Illustre award from the cities of Ica and Nazca in Peru. He lives in Feldbrunnen, Switzerland and spends his full time researching, travelling, lecturing and writing in the ancient astronaut field.

WORLD CONFERENCES

To date we have conducted eleven World Conferences in seven countries to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and evidence in the ancient astronaut field. We are very proud of the extremely high calibre of the persons who have addressed our Conferences, including:

Prof. Dr. VLADIMIR AVINSKY (USSR), PhD,, geologist, mineralogist and author
Prof. Dr. CARLOS MANES BANDEIRA (Brazil), PhD, archaeologist, speleologist, educator and author
Dr. MANFRED BARTHEL (West Germany), PhD, documentary film maker and author
JAMES B. BEAL (USA), aerospace engineer
HANS HERBERT BEIER (West Germany), mechanical engineer and author
JACQUES BERGIER (France), nuclear scientist and author
JUDY AND RALPH BLUM (USA), UFO researchers and authors
JOSEF F. BLUMRICH (USA), aerospace engineer and author
DOLLY BONACCORSI di REBURDONE (Italy), underwater researcher and author
Baron JOHANNES von BUTTLAR-BRANDENFELS (West Germany), lecturer and author
Prof. Dr. JAVIER CABRERA (Peru), medical doctor, amateur archaeologist and author
EDUARDO B. CHAVES (Brazil), journalist, publicity man and author
RICHARD T. CROWE (USA), Celtic researcher and lecturer
RODNEY DALE (England), mechanical engineer, linguist and author
Dr. ERICH von DANIKEN (Switzerland), Dr. Hon. Causa, research-traveller, lecturer and author
ULRICH DOPATKA (Switzerland), librarian, lexicographer and author
Dr. JAN FEIKE de BOCK (New Zealand), PhD, geologist and author
W. RAYMOND DRAKE (England), former customs official and author
ROBERT EARLE (USA), mechanical, metallurgical and nuclear engineer and author
Dr. FRIEDRICH EGGER (Austria), PhD, nuclear physicist
WALTER ERNSTING (West Germany & Ireland), science-fiction author
VIKTOR FARKAS (Austria), advertising agent and journalist
JOHANNES FIEBAG (West Germany), geologist, researcher and author
PETER FIEBAG (West Germany), philologist, historian and author
MAX H. FLINDT (USA), scientific researcher and author
Prof. Dr. ROSTISLAV FURDUJ (USSR), PhD, geologist
Dr. RICHARD P. GERMANN (USA), PhD Hon., chemist and author
REX GILROY (Australia), museum director and field archaeologist
Dr. IRWIN GINSBURGH (USA), PhD, physicist and author
FRANZ GISIN (USA), professional decorator, and designer, lecturer and UFO researcher
SERGIUS GOLOWIN (Switzerland), author and lecturer
Prof. Dr. GEORGY M. GRECHKO (USSR), PhD in physics and mathematics, Cosmonaut, Twice Hero of Soviet Union
VAUGHN M. GREENE (USA), engineer and author
Dr. STUART W. GREENWOOD (USA), PhD, aerospace engineer, lecturer and author
REINHARD HABECK (Austria), survey technician, cartoonist and author
GERD von HASSLER (West Germany), journalist and author
Dr. SIEGFRIED HERMANN (West Germany), PhD, editor and author
Prof. Dr. PHILIP A. IANNA (USA), PhD, astronomer and author
Prof. Dr. ENVER IMAMOVIC (Yugoslavia), PhD, educator and author

Prof. Dr. IGNACIO ITURBE (Mexico), medical doctor and professor of medicine
 GUADALUPE ITURBE (Mexico), lawyer and economist
 Rev. JACK A. JENNINGS (USA), Presbyterian Minister and author
 Prof. Dr. DILEEP KUMAR KANJILAL (India), PhD, educator, Sanskrit scholar and author
 Dr. JOSIF KOTNIK (Yugoslavia), PhD, author, lecturer and journalist
 Prof. Dr. IVAN KOVACEVIC (Yugoslavia), PhD, scientist, historian and author
 PETER KRASSA (Austria), journalist and author
 MICHEL LAMBERT (Canada), design consultant and exhibit director
 WALTER-JOERG LANGBEIN (West Germany), theologian and author
 GERARDO LEVET (Mexico), mechanical engineer, researcher and author
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 ANDREW TOMAS (USA), research-traveller and author
 PETER TOMPKINS (USA), lecturer and author
 LASZLO TOTH (Hungary), mechanical engineer
 TOM VALENTINE (USA), lecturer, author and publisher
 JOHN W. WHITE (USA), educator, editor and author
 D.R.P. WOOD (New Zealand & Australia), UFO researcher and lecturer

MEMBER EXPEDITIONS

One of the principal activities of the Ancient Astronaut Society is the organizing of expeditions to archaeological sites, museums and other places of interest in our field, where members may have an opportunity to examine the evidence firsthand. Travelling by Jumbo-jet, DC-3, single-engine plane, hot-air balloon, cruise ship, hydrofoil, rubber boat, feluca, dugout canoe, train, cable car, limousine, taxi, private car, cattle truck, private bus, public bus, jeep, horseback, camelback and on foot, Society members have been privileged to explore the following sites on six continents of the world:

AUSTRALIA	Sydney, Melbourne, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Darwin and Arnhemland
AUSTRIA	Vienna
BOLIVIA	LaPaz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, El Fuerte, Tiahuanaco, Puma Punku and Lake Titicaca
BRAZIL	Rio de Janerio
CHINA	Shanghai, Beijing, Great Wall, Zhengzhou, Luoyang, Xian, Guangzhou
EASTER ISLAND	
EGYPT	Cairo, Alexandria, Giza, Sakkara, Memphis, Luxor, Karnak, Thebes, Valley of the Kings, Memnon, Edfu, Esna, Dendera, Kom'Ombo, Aswan and Abu Simbel
ENGLAND	London, Stonehenge, Silbury Hill, Avebury, Woodhenge, Salisbury and Old Sarum
FIJI	Suva and Nadi
GREECE	Athens, Cape Sounion, Corinth, Delphi, Epidaurus, Knossos, Crete, Lindos, Mycenae, Mykonos, Nauplia, Olympia, Ossios Loucas, Rhodes and Santorini
GUATEMALA	Guatemala City, Flores, Tikal, Seibal, Yaxha, Quirigua, El Baul, Monte Alto, La Democracia and Likkin
HONDURAS	Copan
HONG KONG	
ITALY	Rome

ISRAEL	Jericho, Masada, Qum Ran and Jerusalem
JORDAN	Amman, Jerash, Mt. Nebo, Kerak, Madaba and Petra
KENYA	Nairobi, Mt. Kenya and Masai Mara
MALTA	Valetta, Temples of Hagar Qim, Mnajdra and Tarxien, Hypogeum and "cart-ruts."
MEXICO	Mexico City, Tula, Teotihuacan, Villahermosa, Comalcalco, Palenque, Yaxchilan, Bonampak, Agua Azul, Lake Miramar, Lake Petha, Tenosique, Yucatan, Merida, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Sayil, Labna, Kabah, Oaxaca, Monte Alban, Mitla and Puerto Escondido
NEW ZEALAND	Auckland, Glow-worm caves, Orakei Korako, Thermal area, Rotorua and Maori village
PERU	Lima, Trujillo, Chan-Chan, Casma Valley, Chanquillo, Pachacamac, Puruchuco, Ica, Nazca, Paracas, Humay, Arequipa, Toro Muerto, Colca-Majes Canyon, Cuzco, Sacsayhuaman, Ke'enko, Tambomachay, Pisac, Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu
SWITZERLAND	Zurich, Bern, Solothurn, Feldbrunnen and Lucerne
TAHITI	Papeete and Moorea
TURKEY	Istanbul, Ankara, Hattuscha, Cappadocia, Adiyaman, Nemrud Dag, Malatya, Kusadasi and Ephesus
USSR	Moscow, Leningrad and Yasnaya Polyana
WEST GERMANY	Munich
YUGOSLAVIA	Zagreb, Postojna Caves, Crikvenica, Novi Vinodolski, Zadar, Split, Dubrovnik and Dalmatian Coast

We were here . . .



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



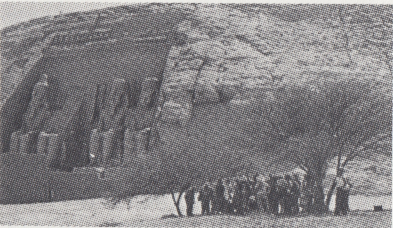
El Fuerte, Bolivia



Palenque, Mexico



Machu Picchu, Peru



Abu Simbel, Egypt



Monte Alban, Mexico



Lake Yaxha, Guatemala



Sakkara, Egypt



Ayers Rock, Australia

... and, we were there ...



Comalcalco, Mexico



Tula, Mexico



Mnajdra Temple, Malta



The Sphinx, Egypt



Karnak, Egypt



Teotihuacan, Mexico



Puma Punku, Bolivia



Lake Miramar, Mexico

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Ancient Astronaut Society is open to the public. No special qualifications are needed to be a member, so long as you have an open and inquiring mind. We have members from all walks of life, of all educational and occupational backgrounds, and ranging in age from 12 to 88.

Membership in the Society knows no boundaries, political, religious or otherwise. We are proud to report that we have members in one-half of the countries of the world and in all 50 of the United States of America.

As a member you will receive our bi-monthly publication, *Ancient Skies*, which contains original articles of interest in our field and which keeps members up-to-date on events related to the ancient astronaut topic and Society activities.

Also you will receive a handsome membership certificate suitable for framing and a membership card.

Members may join for one year or for two years, at the dues rates then in effect. For a two-year membership, or a two-year renewal of an existing membership, the Society offers a free book of the member's choice from the list of books in the ancient astronaut field then currently available from the Society. To date we have distributed over 2500 copies of books to our members.

The Ancient Astronaut Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization operated exclusively for scientific, literary and educational purposes. Contributions and donations to the Society are deductible for United States Federal Income Tax purposes.

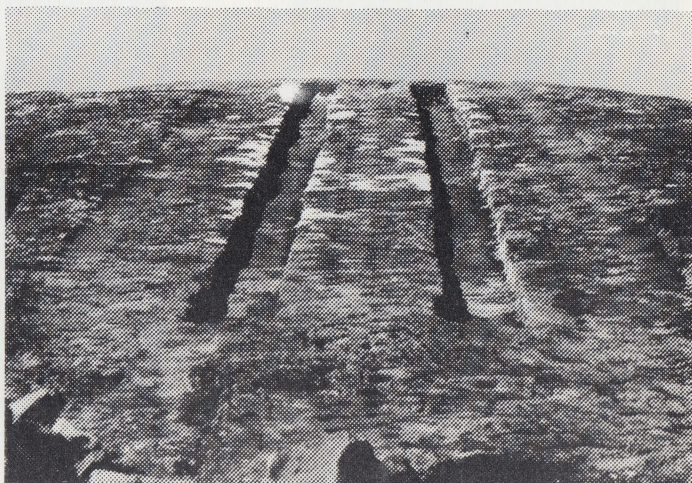
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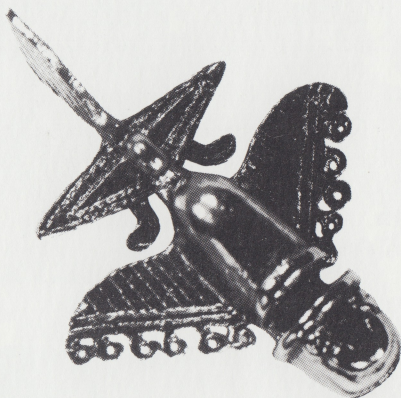
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Tracks cut in stone mountain top at El Fuerte, Bolivia, South America. Each track is 100 feet long, one foot wide, and four inches deep. The site could have been used as a catapult-type launch for spacecraft.





Right: Two of the 26 varieties of gold objects found in graves in Colombia, South America, shown in actual size. Estimated to be 1,000 years old, the objects bear an uncanny resemblance to delta-wing planes and the space shuttle.



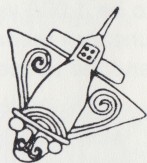
Left: Sarcophagus cover at Palenque, Mexico. Stone slab is 13 feet long, 7 feet wide, 10 inches thick and weighs five tons. Carved in deep relief, the slab could depict the cross section of a space capsule with an astronaut seated on a padded cushion, working controls with hands and feet.



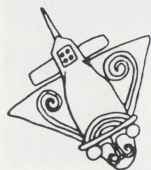
Right: Extremely old statue of human figure found at Tiahuanaco, Bolivia, South America, with square "eyes" or goggles. Note the two left hands!.



Right: Clear representation of gears, or cog-wheels, carved in stone. Found at Copan, Honduras, Central America.



Left: Deep relief carved in stone slab at El Baul, Guatemala, Central America. Figure is life-size. Represented here is unusual helmet connected to back-pack, probably a breathing apparatus. Note profile of the face of the figure through "window" in the helmet.



Right: Stone figure found at Tikal, Guatemala, Central America. Note pack on back with gear-like configuration, connected by a flexible tube to helmet. See side straps around arms holding pack.



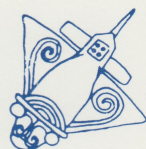


The "Treasury" at Petra, in Southern Jordan. Not a structure, the entire facade is sculpted out of the living rock. Note enormous size of the work in relation to the person standing in the portico. There are several similar sculpted facades at Petra, the "red-rose city half as old as time."





Left:
Gigantic
wall built
of only
six huge
red



granite
blocks 13 feet high. Red
granite inserts have been
fashioned to fit into the
seams between the blocks.
The wall is situated on a
promontory, 1500 feet
above the valley floor, at
Ollantaytambo, Peru, South
America.



Right: The "Stone of
Twelve Angles" in a wall
at Cuzco, Peru, South
America. Each face of
the stone is perfectly
worked to fit snugly
against each of the
neighboring stones with-
out mortar.



Left: Uncommon ar-
row-shaped marking
on the Plain of Nazca,
Peru, South America.

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